

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Inventorship ..... Ryals  
Applicant.....BellSouth Intellectual Property Corporation  
Group Art Unit.....3677  
Examiner .....Jeffrey Andrew Sharp  
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Title: Wire Protector and Retainer

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 3 MAY 2005**

To: **Mail Stop Amendment**  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated May 3, 2005, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on August 3, 2005.

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